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Lona Vilitoe.

Jackson Co., Ohio, Apr. 23, 1898.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl seven years old. My mamma takes your Magazine. I like to read the letters from the children. Both of my grandmas got lovely flowers from you. I love flowers very much. There are some very pretty wild flowers in the woods near our house. My choice is the beautiful Wood Lily.

Athena May Drake.

Athens Co., Ohio, Apr. 26, 1898.

Dear Mr. Park:—Mamma said I might write for the Children's Corner. I am a little girl ten years old. I go to school every day. Papa built us a new house last summer, and mamma says she must have Park's 10-cent collection of flower seeds to plant in the front yard. I have three sisters and two brothers. My youngest sister is three months old. I think she will love flowers for she takes more notice of our house plants than of any thing else. She has blue eyes and very thick, long brown hair. Her name is Doris. Winnie Erickson.

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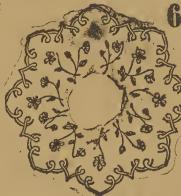
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GOSSIP.

The Fifty Cent Collection.—I hope all who received this collection of Hyacinths, enjoyed them as I did. Two of them went to brighten the sick room of a shut-in friend. Two more went to another friend. Seven of them, and a bulb of Amy were planted in a low, gallon crock. The double blue in the centre, round the edge the red, pink and white ones. They were kept four weeks in the cellar, then in a bed room up stairs till the buds were well advanced, then set a few inches above the floor in the sitting room. That crock was a beauty for three weeks. The spikes were so heavy they had to be tied to short stakes, and the colors were very fine.

Indiana Co., Pa.

Mrs. M. C. Marshall.

Multiflora Rose.—I noticed in the Magazine, March number, a letter from H. M. F., Derby Line, Vt., regarding Multiflora Roses, and will tell of mine. I have not a word of fault, but all of praise for this beautiful Rose. I sent for seed, and in sixty days to a dot, I had three blossoms and ever so many buds. Hardly from that day to this has it been out of bloom. I have had fifty-three blossoms, besides buds, at one time. My bush is only seventeen inches high, and trails beautifully about the pot. It is now in a two-quart can of common garden earth, and has had nothing but a little hen dressing twice this year. It is the finest plant I have, and I would not part with it for anything.

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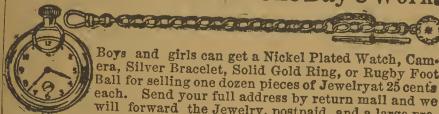
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A JUNE MORNING.

The stars have fled from heaven
At touch of morning's light,
The forests ring as wild birds sing
A requiem to the night.

The dew has kissed the Clover,
The air is fresh and sweet,
The Roses' bloom with sweet perfume
The morning is complete.

Champaign Co., Ohio. Anna Bodey.

CYCLAMEN FROM SEEDS.

AS a rule the Cyclamen grows slowly, but its culture from seed is perhaps surer and easier than that of any other plant of its class. The principal factor in its successful culture is patience. The seeds may be sown at any time between September and March, according to the time bloom is wished from the plants. It takes from twelve to fifteen months from the time seed is sown to get the most willing Cyclamen plant into bloom.

The seed pans, pots or boxes must be well drained, and contain about two-thirds rough drainage and one-third light, loamy soil. I have found it a good plan to make this loam rich with well-decayed manure from cattle stalls, in order to hurry up the slow-growing little atoms from the very first. If the soil is kept quite rich all through subsequent repotting considerable time may be saved in getting the seedlings into bloom. If the seeds are sown thinly in rich, sandy loam the first usual transplanting may be omitted. It is not necessary to cover the seeds more than an eighth of an inch deep. The seed boxes should then be set where they will have good light, but not direct sunshine. If the temperature can be kept near 60° it will be better for the seedlings.

At the first transplanting, necessary when they are three weeks old unless sown thinly, the little plants should be set two or three inches apart in boxes of rich soil, or in small pots. If plenty of water is given they should grow actively all spring and summer. The best soil that I have tried for Cyclamen is three parts sod loam

to one of well-decayed fertilizer from the cattle stalls. In fine weather syringe or sprinkle the plants every day unless they are in bloom. Insects that cut off the stems of Cyclamen or eat the leaves can be kept away by scattering fresh tobacco stems under and around the plants.

The Cyclamen is now largely treated as an annual by most gardeners and florists, fresh seed being sown every year and the plants thrown away after their first season of bloom is over. They have bloomed nicely for me, however, in the third year, and I shall experiment with them through the fourth.

L. Greenlee.
McDowell Co., N. C., May 12, 1898.

Some Cactuses.—*Echinocactus cylindraceus* has spines shading from a soft old rose to a dark wine color. In my plant there are nine spines in each "nest." *Mammillaria phyllospurma* is covered with closely-set nests of white spines. From the center of each nest springs a longer spine, hooked, and a rich shade of brown. *Oenothera monantha variegata* shows cream, green, and a soft, wild-rose shade of pink that is indescribably beautiful. A succulent named *Cotyledon Thomanii* should be adopted as an emblem by the free silver party, as its silvery sheen would be hard to duplicate in any other plant.

L. L. C.
Menard Co., Ill.



CYCLAMEN PERSICUM.

Experience with Fuchsias.—I have fourteen varieties of Fuchsias, all growing nicely in those much abused tin cans. I never have any trouble from rust, and I've used tin cans for years. I don't believe in starving plants as some of my friends do, so I am careful to give my flowers plenty of good soil and drainage and repot them when necessary. I had Mrs. E. G. Hill Fuchsia, but it failed to grow. The leaves turned yellow and dropped off. Later this season I intend renewing my acquaintance with the Mrs. Hill, and hope to be more successful. My Fuchsia Speciosa is twelve inches high now, and grows quite rapidly. I shall expect a nice lot of lovely flowers the coming winter from this plant.

Mrs. M. C. Winstow.
Hopkins Co., Texas, April 18, 1898.

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES.

THESE add greatly to the beauty of the lawn, and used sparingly are fine in corners and along hedges in even a small garden. There is a tropical, summy look about them, and they add a touch of grace to the garden that is really artistic. In vases they are beautiful. Among cut flowers they are charming. Grown as everlastings they are useful, but it is of the long, graceful leaves that I am speaking now. The tall spikes of the white and green varieties are as handsome as Palms. The delicate, drooping Ribbon Grass is ideal, and the pretty sort with yellow stripes across the leaves is valuable for its feathery plumes as well as for its curious foliage. All these are hardy, but a basketful of manure heaped above the roots in winter secures their safety and adds to the beauty of the plant. The long stalks should be cut down before there is danger of freezing. Early in spring the delicate blades push up, ready to fringe the first bouquets of Lilacs and Syringas. Year after year the clump grows in size and beauty. Slips may be taken until one's friends are supplied and ugly corners cut off or made things of beauty. These grasses like water, and if one is so fortunate as to own a yard or two of some singing brook, or if there is a lake or a spring on the place, plant the grasses there. But they grow well in the hot sunshine, also, adapting themselves to existing conditions with commendable patience. For cut flowers the long spikes are admirable, especially combined with Lilies, Tuberoses or Gladioli. These grasses come from seeds, or the plants may be bought ready for growing. Do not forget one or two sorts.

Ellen Frizell Wycoff.

Iredell Co., N. C.

[NOTE.—*Phalaris arundinacea picta* is the old-fashioned striped Ribbon Grass. It is hardy, and forms a good border where a hardy, tenacious plant is desired. The sprays are graceful in bouquets and designs.—ED.]

Prickly Pear Cactus.—I have a Prickly Pear Cactus that gives me a great deal of satisfaction. I made a mound of rocks and rubbish and set an empty nail keg in the center, then filled the keg with rich earth and planted the Cactus in it. I filled the crevices between the rocks with earth, and have tried to get various plants therein, but nothing thrives in it but the Periwinkle. The Cactus, however, has overgrown its quarters, and run down over the side of the mound, and when it is in bloom, with its large, bright golden flowers, it is a spot of brightness, indeed. Are there any other Cacti as hardy as Prickly Pear? I know of no other kind.

Powhatan Co., Va.

A. R. C.

Fall Sowing.—I find fall sowing much the best for Larkspur and Poppy. They come on to bloom so much earlier, but I always sow in spring, and make several different sowings for succession. My Poppy beds are gay till the ground freezes.

Mrs. H. P. Piper.

Lapeer Co., Mich., Apr. 26, 1898.

HARDY PERENNIALS.

SBORDER of perennial flowers is an ever increasing joy, especially if it contains those varieties that can be cut freely, and will continue in bloom for a longer period than if left uncut. The double Buttercup will respond freely to this treatment, continuing in bloom nearly the whole summer if cut judiciously; that is, cutting some blossoms each day or week, and thus encouraging the formation of new buds. Perennial

Flax (*Linum perenne*), a lovely blue, opening in early morning, is another that can be treated the same way, as also can all classes of Pinks, Sweet Williams and Columbines. Garden Heliotrope,

is a lovely, fragrant, tall-growing, hardy plant that should be in every garden. Ribbon Grass should also be cut freely to have it keep its stripes well. Ribbon Grass is one of the finest hardy variegated foliage plants. It grows easily, and makes up well in bouquets. Red Yarrow, a fine, free-growing hardy perennial, is valuable as a carpet under shrubs. It blooms more freely when the blooms are cut, as does the lovely Achillea The Pearl. Perennial Larkspur should be cut to the ground when nearly over its first blooming period, and it will bloom later. Perennial Phlox, Rudbeckia Golden Glow, white Lychnis and scarlet Lychnis all do better when freely cut. The Hardy Purple Verbena is lovely in bouquets, and lasts from early spring till frost.

K. L.

Fillmore Co., Minn.

Pansies and Sunshine.—I had tried year after year to grow Pansies, planting them on the east side of the house around pear trees. I had about given up, when seven seedlings of fine strain were given me. Expecting failure I put them among Daffodils on a bank wall where the sun rises and sets on them. They all lived and are three years old. I kept adding until now I have a fine show of yellow Narcissus carpeted with grand Pansies. I shade the seedlings in the hottest weather, and cover the bed with pine boughs in winter. No seeds are allowed to form. The plants were full of buds last Christmas, and now, May 3rd, are a mass of bloom.

Eliza Bradish.

Worcester Co., Mass., May 3, 1898.

Tin Cans.—These are much better receptacles for plants in a warm room, than earthen pots. They can have the paper washed off, and when painted a dark red look very well.

Ida G. Hawkins.

Ont., Can., May 2, 1898.



PERENNIAL FLAX.

MEMORY'S PICTURES.

Memories of long ago
Come to me on wings of light,
Brightening all the dreary gloom,
Cheering lonely hours of night;
'Tis my childhood's home I see
Pictured fair on memory's wall,
With its woods and fields and stream,
And the sunlight all.

In the forest, dim and cool,
Oft I wandered when a child,
Seeking for the fair spring flowers
Called to life by breezes mild.
With their perfume faint but sweet
Grew they by the little rills,
Dainty, delicate of hue—
Memory holds the picture still.

Daisy blossoms, glistening white,
Nodded in the summer air,
Buttercups of golden hue
Made a picture wondrous fair,
With the Violets blue and sweet,
And the Dandelion's glow,
Clover blossoms, red and white—
How I loved them long ago.

In the garden near my home
Grew the Rose and Lily fair,
Nodding in the summer breeze,
Flinging fragrance on the air;
And the Tulips bright and gay,
Daffodils and Lilacs tall,
While the towering Balsam trees
Cast soft shadows over all.

There were nests beneath the eaves
Of the barn so old and gray,
Where the swallows reared their young,
Flying to and fro all day;
And at twilight through the lane
Came the cows in sunset's glow—
I can see the picture still
Memory painted long ago.

There's another picture dear
That shall hang on "Memory's wall"
Till my life shall end and I
Shall obey the Master's call.
'Tis my mother's face I see—
Gentle was her voice so low;
To the land where flowers ne'er fade
She was called long years ago.

I can never tell you all
Of the pictures I can see,
Memories of my childhood's home,
They are very dear to me.
Though the artist Time may paint
Other scenes with magic powers,
Still the ones most dear to me
Shall be those of childhood's hours.

Belle M. Brewster.
Chautauqua Co., N. Y., May 13, 1898.

A DAY IN JUNE.

The coming of dawn is flushing the sky,
The bright stars are paling at dawn of the day,
There's a flutter of wings from the bluebird on
high,
And music from zephyrs that shade yon light spray.

The apple tree bends with its blooms pure and
white,
The odor of Clover is fresh on the air,
The meadows are golden with Buttercups bright,
And silvered with nodding Daisies fair.

Ripe autumn is rich with its grain and its fruit,
King Winter is merry though rain and snow
fall,
The young spring is fair with its leaf and bud-
shoot,
But June brings sweet summer, the dearest of
all.

Cattaraugus Co., N. Y. *Benj. B. Keech.*

CONSIDER THE LILIES.

Lo! after long, wearisome waiting
My Lily has bloomed,
And the morn is alight with its whiteness,
The air is perfumed
With sweets from its zephyr-swinged censer,
While a harmony subtle and sweet
Like the sound of far-away vespers
Thrills through me with rapture complete.

To the heart that, responsive to Nature,
Is sweetly in time,
Each Lily-bell, breeze-blown and swaying,
Rings out the glad rhyme,
"Glory to God in the highest,
To Him doth our praises belong,"
While the innermost fibers of being
Thrill and pulse to the rhythm of song.

If with soul and not sense ye can listen
This message they bring:
"Consider the Lilies, they toil not,
Yet never a king
Was arrayed in a robe of such richness,
Or of texture so lustrous and fair,
And the Love that provides for the Lilies
For His children will most surely care.

Powhatan Co., Va.

Alice R. Corson.

LILAC BLOSSOMS.

There's a robin calling clear
From the maple standing near,
Oh, the memories that the songs of robins bring;
And the willow catkins sway
As the warm May zephyrs play,
When the Lilac buds are bursting in the spring.

You may talk of foreign flowers,
Vaunt imported blooms by hours,
But the dear old-fashioned blossoms I will sing;
Sturdy Peonies pink tops show,
Lilies of the Valley grow,
When the Lilac buds are bursting in the spring.

Oh! the sunshine warm and clear;
Velvet grasses far and near,
Hooded tufts unrolling where the Grape vines
cling,
Bloodroots tossing cups of snow,
Dielytars swinging low,
When the Lilac buds are bursting in the spring.

Dubuque, Iowa.

Maude Meredith.

BACHELOR BUTTON'S PROPOSAL.

My Sunday cap for you I've laid,
Gypsophila muralis,
Worthy you are, sweet pink-faced maid,
To dwell within a palace.

Your name seems bigger than yourself,
More than you ought to carry;
It seems to me, you tiny elf,
You winsome little fairy,

You'd better change it! Let's join hands;
You'll not refuse me, surely,
See Father Thyme, right there he stands,
He'll tie the knot securely.

Wright Co., Iowa.

Mildred Merle.

THE FLOWERS' MISSION.

Some persons cherish diamonds,
And others jewels rare,
But give me, next to loved ones,
The fragrant flowers fair.

The rich may boast of pleasures
The poor can never know;
But all may have the flowers
That by the wayside grow.

Crawford Co., Kan.

A. C. Olin.

ABOUT OLEANDERS.

I HAVE grown Oleanders or Neriums for many years, and was surprised to hear that manure was hurtful to them. I have four colors of these plants, so popular here in the southern States—scarlet, pink, white, and a striped one, all double. The last named is my favorite. It is a satiny rose color with creamy center, and has a broad white stripe running the entire length of each petal. I keep the plants in boxes in the pit in winter, and bed them out in full sun during summer. When planting them out I never fail to give them a good supply of well-rotted manure. They begin blooming in May and continue until November. I have to prune them about one-third of the season's growth each year, for they grow very fast and would soon be too large to lift in the fall. In Galveston, Texas, Oleanders are used as shade trees, and there are specimens there over twelve feet high that are covered with large bunches of blossoms the entire summer and fall. I think they are pretty even when not in bloom, for their leaves are such a bright green that they always look cheerful. I am very anxious to procure a double yellow, and have heard *Flavum Duplex* is the best of that color, but have never seen it in bloom. Most of the yellows are very pale and inferior, and I want a good color.

Mrs. M. C. Winslow

Hopkins Co., Texas, Apr. 15, 1898.

Godetias.—Last September we had severe frosts, and as our plants of Godetia had more buds than blossoms my daughter took a large box and nearly filled it with

dirt, and put in it Godetias and other plants. We left it on the porch until the weather became too cold, then it was brought into the house, where

it was a thing of beauty for six weeks. Everyone admired the beautiful satiny Godetias. I think this spring I shall sow some seeds in a box for house culture.

Mrs. J. E. Cummings.

Sullivan Co., N. Y., Apr. 30, 1898.

Starting Canna Seeds.—I get the best results in starting Canna seeds as follows: I put the seeds in quite hot water and set on the shelf of the kitchen stove. I soak for several days, turning off the cold water each morning and pouring on hot. I fill a pan with rich dirt, plant the seeds, and set the pan on the hot water reservoir of the kitchen stove. Most of the seeds sprout in a few days. When the seeds are choice and expensive I put a toothpick at each seed, and any that do not sprout soon I dig up and put in hot water again for a while.

Mrs. H. P. Piper.

Lapeer Co., Mich., Apr. 26, 1898.



EXPERIENCE WITH CACTI.

MY large collection of Cactuses, which suffered so much three years ago, is all right now. I use common sandy soil for my plants, and fertilize it with cow manure and bone dust. One essential is good drainage. At least one-half the pot should be filled with the drainage, preferably charcoal. I think *Euphorbia splendens* does best in such soil. After repeated failures at rooting cuttings I stuck them down under a large Begonia, with very rich dirt. They grew like magic, and in less than eight months I had big blooming plants. *Stapelia grandiflora* is in full bloom, and will likely continue so all summer. It is a quaint, uncanny thing. I have one native *Opuntia*, with leaves (?) eighteen inches long and eight wide, and dark green in color. I have sent to several Cactus specialists, and they say it is new to them. Altogether my collection is very satisfactory.

Cactuses should be sprayed every morning in very warm weather. When grafting I put the pot away in the dark for ten days after the operation, and they never fail to unite. In rooting Cactus cuttings I put sand in a box about four inches deep, and lay the cutting on the sand, but do not cover the cut end. Keep the sand stirred at the cut, and spray just enough to keep moist but not wet. When you find the little white roots protruding cover slightly, and continue this process till the plant is well rooted.

Mrs. D. M. Smith.
Marion Co., Florida.

Oxalis Ortgiesii.—I have a fine, bushy Oxalis *Ortgiesii*, a favorite plant with me. It does not grow from bulbs like other Oxalis, but from roots. Unlike the other Oxalis it grows tall, even to a height of fifteen or twenty inches if allowed. A prettier form is ten or twelve inches with numerous branches. This is effected by cutting back. It grows as easily as a Coleus from a cutting. The trifoliate leaves are unlike those of any other variety of Oxalis, having heart-shaped lobes, and olive-green in color on the surface and reddish-purple beneath. The veins are somewhat sunken. It bears the whole year around a profusion of golden, star-shaped blossoms in clusters on long stems. It is called by some the "Golden Star" Oxalis. It is as easy to cultivate as a weed, but a favorite of red spider, so I spray mine very often.

Mrs. M. H. Durfee.
Wayne Co., N. Y., May 16, 1898.

Burnt Bone.—I find that burnt bone is good for Geraniums if crushed and placed in the soil. I have been using it, and my Geraniums are full of bloom, and the admiration of my neighbors. Many persons around me have no blooms, while mine do well.

Mrs. E. E. Bishop.
Tarrant Co., Texas, Mar. 16, 1898.

Callas.—If these are put in small cans, so that they become root-bound, they will nearly always bloom in a very short time.

Montcalm Co., Mich.
F. Lewis.

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Snails and Slugs.—To get rid of these pests surround the bed with layers of quick lime or wood soot upon thin strips of wood. Renew this several times as the lime or soot hardens. The marauders may cross the lime once or twice by the aid of the slime they exude, but the next crossing will be fatal. They may also be trapped by placing pieces of cabbage, turnip or other vegetable matter around the places they inhabit, and destroying such as may be found collected. They commit their depredations at night, and some persons effectually rid the garden of them by hand-picking at night by the aid of a lantern.

Treatment of Azaleas.—The Indian Azaleas bloom in the spring, make their growth, and then are semi-dormant until the buds begin to swell for another crop of bloom. While blooming and growing water liberally, and let the sun have access to them, but when the plants enter the resting stage water less copiously, syringe the foliage daily, and keep in a moist, cool, shady place. In winter keep in a temperature of 40° to 50°, and water sparingly till you want the flower buds to start, when more water and more heat are required. Shift into larger pots as soon as the flowers fade.

Arabis and Aubrieta.—These are two grand cruciferous hardy perennials. The plants are only five or six inches high, and of trailing habit, but they become a mass of showy flowers in early spring, and remain so for many days. They are easily raised from seeds, and the plants bloom the second season. They are lovely edging plants, and are prized also for cemetery planting. *Arabis alpina* has snowy white flowers, and *Aubrieta* blue and purple flowers.

Callas.—Doubtless the best treatment for the Calla to secure the flowers in winter, is to give it a period of rest during June and July. While resting water sparingly, and keep in a cool, shady place. Florists mostly turn the pots on their sides under the bench, where the roots are kept cool and moist by contact with the ground and air. Repot the plants and encourage renewed growth in August.

FOR WINTER-BLOOMING.

NOW is the time to get your plants for winter-blooming. Get small plants of Mrs. Hill Geranium, *Lopesia rosea*, *Agathaea celestis*, *Crassula cordata*, *Abutilon Mesopotamicum*, *Strobilanthes anisophyllus*, *Begonia semperflorens*, *Begonia Angel's Wing*, *Primula obconica*, *Drooping Lantana*, *Plumbago coccinea*, *Mesembryanthemum grandiflorum* and *Peristrophe angustifolia variegata*. Start in three-inch pots, and shift as the plants grow till they occupy five-inch or six-inch pots, encouraging growth rather than flowers. Then in the fall you will have fine large plants, all ready for doing good service in the window-garden during winter. Most of the failures to have flowers in winter comes from not starting in time, or getting plants that are not adapted for winter-blooming. This note should therefore prove a timely hint to those who are anxious to succeed with winter flowers.

A Showy Group of Perennials. A showy group of perennial flowers consists of Oriental Poppy, Sweet Rocket and *Saponaria ocymoides splendens*. Plant the Poppy in the center of the bed, surround it with the Rocket, and use *Saponaria* for the margin. These all bloom at the same time, just before the Roses, and will make a gorgeous display for years without giving them any special care. They are of the kinds that will take care of themselves, and annually afford the most satisfactory display of bloom. All are easily raised from seeds, which may be sown this month.

Fig and Orange.—These trees need much the same care. Give them well-drained, porous soil, and water freely while growth is active, but water rather sparingly and keep in a frost-proof place while in a semi-dormant state. A place sheltered from the hot sun-rays and severe winds is necessary in summer. If attacked by scale insects brush them off and wash or syringe with soap suds in which has been well incorporated some kerosene oil, say a tablespoonful of oil to a gallon of suds. If the drainage clogs or the soil is kept too moist the plants will often drop their leaves.

About Palms.—The complaint is often made of various species of Palm that the old leaves turn brown and die as fast as the new ones come. This is mostly due to the lack of drainage and too much moisture at the roots. Use a moderate-sized pot of rather porous soil, and shift as the roots become crowded. Water sparingly in winter, but during the growing season in summer give water freely.

"Memorial Rose."—Mrs. A. L. Baker, of Greeley county, Nebraska, sends some roots of a vine she describes as Memorial Rose. It "has delicate pink, double blossoms, lives in the ground through winter, blooms the first season, and continues in flower throughout the season." It is evidently of *Calystegia pubescens*, sometimes called Double Perennial Morning Glory.

CHILD WRECKS.**Caused by Ignorant Selection of Food.**

One of the most Divine traits in mankind is the love for and care of the little folks. To furnish them good nourishing food is to supply the wherewith to build the little bodies into healthy and sturdy men and women. Parents who thoughtlessly give coffee to growing children will see the day when they would give anything on earth to be rid of the regret for the weakness and frequent sick spells of the children, caused by the alkaloids of coffee. Give the children Postum Food Coffee, the famous food drink, which goes directly to nourish and strengthen child or adult, and when in after days you glory in their strength and ability, you can remember with pride that your intelligence and care about the food and drink in their childhood made the sturdy men and women they are. It is criminal to be careless. It pays well to give children nourishing liquid food like Postum.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Allium.—Please tell me what to do with Allium, it has bloomed and multiplied nicely.—J. T.

Ans.—Continue watering, and keep in a sunny place till the tops begin to die, then gradually dry the plant off and set away in a cool place till autumn, when the bulb may be repotted in fresh soil.

It is *Vinca rosea*.—**Mr. Park:** I enclose a leaf and flower of a plant for a name. The plant is a small, evergreen shrub, now about a foot high. I thought it might be Plumbago, but it bears but one flower in a place, although in bloom all the time. The blossoms are pure white, look like Phlox, and fall off before they wither, just as a Fuchsia does. The leaves have a somewhat strong, disagreeable odor.

Adelia J. Grant.

Newton Co., Wis., Apr. 12, 1898.



Acacias.—**Mr. Park:** I have two Acacias I raised from seeds last spring. I kept them in a south window all winter. I topped one to make it short and bushy for table decoration, and wish you could see it. It is three feet high, a straight stem from where it branched off. The one I left uncut is very much shorter. If the other keeps growing there will be no place high enough for it. Is it hardy? If it will stand the winter will plant it out. How old must it be to bloom?—Cora Rambo, Ky.

Ans.—The Acacia is kept bushy by shifting into a larger pot, rather than by cutting back. A root-bound plant will drop its lower leaves, and always grow spindly. The plants are not hardy north. They will bloom when from three to five years old.

Calla.—My Calla is diseased. The edges of the leaves turn black and dry up and the whole leaf then turns yellow and dies. The drainage is good. What shall I do for it?—N. K., Ohio.

Ans.—The plant is probably affected with a fungus. It might be well to dry off the plant, wash the tuber and the pot well, and repot in entirely new soil.

Dear Friend Park:—Please be so kind as to name the flower I enclose. My mother says she found it in the woods sixty years ago. She dug

up a root and set it in the yard where it has lived and bloomed all these years. We think it beautiful and want to know the name. My grandfather and grandmother settled on an adjoining farm just one hundred years ago this spring. Mother says grandmother used to say the flower was here when she came. My mother is eighty-four years old, and loves flowers just as well as she did when young. She helped me to make the flower beds and plant the seeds this season.

Sarah E. Herschel.

Warren Co., O., May 9, 1898.

Ans.—The name of the plant referred to is *Mertensia Virginica*, a native herbaceous peren-



nial of the borage family. It is a desirable plant for a moist, shady place in the garden, blooming early and profusely without care.

BRIEF ANSWERS.

Freesias.—To be sure of success with Freesias get the bulbs in August if possible, and pot them as soon as received. They start slowly, and when potted in August the flowers may not develop till in January. They will not bear rapid forcing, and should be kept in a cool place, rather sparingly watered till well rooted. Planted later and kept in a warm room the bulbs sometimes fail to start.

For a Rock.—To cover a large, bare rock plant vines of *Ampelopsis quinquefolia* and *A. Veitchii*. They will attach themselves as they grow, and form a mass of lovely green foliage during summer, changing to glowing scarlet in autumn. Set the plants in the spring, so that they may become well established the first year, and be able to endure the winter. If there are any crevices in the rock sow in these seeds of *Aquilegia canadensis* in early spring, or introduce plants of *Pelaea atropurpurea*, the Rock Fern. For more prompt effect use plants of *Tropaeolum Lobbianum*.

Snowballs.—The old-fashioned Snowball, the prized shrub of our grandmothers, has a bitter enemy in the green fly or aphis. This pest attacks the leaves as soon as they begin to unfold, and give the foliage the curled, unhealthy appearance we find upon most of the old-fashioned Snowball shrubs. As yet the remedies for aphis cannot be effectively applied to this plant, and the best advice that can be given is to replace the plant with a Japan Snowball, *Viburnum plicatum*. This is a superior species in the size and beauty of the flowers, as well as vigorous growth, is perfectly hardy, and is entirely free from insect pests.

Pronunciation.—*Primula* is usually pronounced in this country *Prim'-u-la*. Nicholson's Dictionary of Gardening, an English authority, however, recommends pronouncing the word *Prí-mu-la*, giving the long sound of i as in *primus*. The word *Calendula* is pronounced *Cal-en'-du-la*.

BRIEF ANSWERS.

Lifting Chrysanthemums.—It is not necessary to lift hardy Chrysanthemums, spade over and enrich the ground, and reset the plants every season. Better cultivate the ground in the bed, incorporating good, rotted manure freely, and then mulching with stable litter. When the plants need lifting divide them and reset in a new bed, if possible. The Chrysanthemum bed should be in a sheltered place, and the plants once established should not be disturbed for several years.

Gloxinias.—It is not necessary to use a fertilizer in the soil for Gloxinias, unless it is greatly impoverished. It is well, however, to have it porous and well drained, and in potting let the crown of the tuber be above the soil. Avoid the burning sun rays, as well as wind and storm.

Rust.—"Rust" is the common name for fungus diseases which sometimes attack Roses, Verbenas and Carnations. The best remedy is to remove and burn the parts affected, and dust the plants with a mixture of equal parts sulphur and lime, using a porous sack as a dust-bag.

A Small Greenhouse.—A small greenhouse may be constructed sixteen or twenty feet long and eleven feet wide, with benches three and a half feet wide at each side, a walk through the centre. Let the house stand north-east and south-west, and cover with a comb roof, with hinged ventilators at either side, so that ventilation can be secured from the calm side of the house. If the walk is sunk in the ground the eaves need not be more than two and a half feet above the surface, requiring less heat. Use a coal oil heater, with pipe running around beneath the bench, to distribute the heat. A house of this kind requires but little care, and will accommodate many plants.

Chinese Lily after Blooming.—After blooming in the house in water it is just as well to throw the Chinese Lily away, unless you live in a mild climate, where it is hardy, in which case the bulb can be planted out and allowed to take care of itself. The bulb is not likely to bloom again for several years, and the care it will require at the north during that time would cost more than the bulb would be worth. Better buy from the florist new ones each season.

Flowering Almond.—This hardy shrub is sold under the name of *Amygdalis communis* fl. pl. It is beautiful when a few plants are grouped together in a bed.

Primula obconica.—The common Chinese Primrose is not poisonous, but *P. obconica*, when freely handled by persons subject to poison, is sometimes poisonous. The few plants found in a window collection, are rarely injurious. The roots, when broken apart in repotting, and the wounded ends rubbed over the skin, will be likely to poison the person. We have yet to hear, however of anyone being poisoned by simply plucking the flowers or leaves, or carrying a bouquet of this lovely Primrose, and it is with few exceptions, only where hundreds of the plants have been divided and repotted that poisoning has been known to occur. We are therefore hardly justified in classing it among poisonous plants, especially with such plants as the poison Ivy or poison Sumac, which are immediately poisonous to the touch of most persons.

Orange.—Orange trees raised from seeds take many years to become of bearing size. By budding or grafting they may be bearing when two or three years old. It is better to entrust the operation to someone expert at the business, as the process is one requiring care and experience.

Ammonia.—In using ammonia take a teaspoonful to a gallon of water, applying once a week. This is fine for foliage, making it rich and healthy.

Starting Azalea Seeds.—Sow in sifted, porous soil, well firm'd, cover lightly, and keep moist but not wet, and in a temperature of about 60° until the plants appear. Like nearly all shrub

seeds Azaleas germinate tardily, and the seed box must not be neglected for several months. It is generally better for amateur florists to buy blooming plants than to attempt their propagation either from seeds or cuttings. Experiments of this kind may be attempted, but success should not be too sanguinely expected.

Starting Shrubby Spirea.—Take cuttings of the shrubby species of Spirea just as the flowers begin to fade, insert in wet sand in a shady place free from cold draughts, and in a short time they will be rooted, and may be potted or planted out.

Double Primroses.—Many of the Double Chinese Primroses are only semi-double, but a portion of the Double Primrose seeds, if carefully saved, will produce plants with perfectly double flowers.

Ants.—Ants may be trapped by placing fresh bones where the insects will collect, and then dipping in scalding water. When the bones are dry they may be used again. Onions chopped up and placed over the soil where the insects are troublesome will drive them away. So also will a layer of dust lime applied when the surface is rather dry and the weather clear. A watering of Cayenne pepper tea, slightly hotter than the hand will bear is recommended for pot plants troubled with ants working at their roots.

Geraniums.—After blooming these remain for a time in a semi-dormant condition, at which time water sparingly. If the ground is kept too moist while resting the stem is liable to rot off at the root. Should the stem be attacked by rot cut the plant with a sharp knife and insert the branches in damp sand in a rather warm, shady place. New roots will form, and the plants can then be potted in good earth.

Wintering Begonias in a Pit.—Begonias are not always successfully wintered in a pit. The temperature there is mostly too cool and damp, and often too variable to suit the requirements of the Begonia family.

Tuberose Offsets.—Remove these from the old bulbs and plant them out when the ground becomes warm. They will develop into blooming-sized bulbs this season, and if kept in a warm, dry place during winter will bloom next season.

Starting Passion Vine.—The propagation of Passion Vines is easily effected in the spring, either by cuttings inserted in sand, or by seeds. The seeds may be soaked a few hours in warm water before sowing, but usually come up within a month after sowing.

Easter Flowers.—The old-fashioned flowers known as Smoke-pipe, Daffodils and Butter and Eggs are all Narcissus. The Smoke-pipe is *Narcissus trumpet major*; the Daffodil, with double golden flowers, is *Narcissus double Van Sion*; the Butter and Eggs is *Narcissus incomparabilis* fl. pl. The bulbs are purchased and planted in autumn.

Easter Lily.—The Easter Lily, *L. Harrisii*, sometimes forms a bulblet upon the top instead of producing a cluster of flowers. This is a freak rather than a common occurrence. It is as well, however, to get another bulb for potting the next season. Get and pot the bulb in August or September, setting it several inches beneath the surface. Keep in a cool, dark place till rooted, then give light, and a moist, cool atmosphere. The lily will not bear rapid forcing. A dry, hot atmosphere will cause the buds to blast.

Cape Jasmine.—This is the common name of the beautiful *Gardenia florida*, so much prized in the South as a flowering shrub. It is hardy there, and grows and bears its double, white, deliciously-scented flowers without protection in winter. At the North it must be treated as a pot plant, and kept in a frost-proof place, sparingly watered during winter. In spring repot, begin watering liberally, and give the plants more heat, and in a little while the flowers will appear, and new growth will develop. Avoid too much sun in summer, if you wish to secure the best results. Shift as the pots become filled with roots.

NIGHT-BLOOMING CERÆUS.

There are flowers fair and fragrant,
Flowers rich and rare and radiant,
Flowers pure and sweet as air,
Flowers star-like in their beauty,
Preaching quaintly this sweet duty,
"Thou shalt be as pure, as fair."

There are buds that open quickly,
Scattering gem-like blossoms thickly
At the coming of the sun,
And they turn their faithful faces,
Following still the path he traces,
Folding when his race is run.

Clear-eyed, modest, heaven-born flower,
Sweetest child of sun and shower,
"Violet" we call thy name;
Your sweet breath lends witching graces
To the old, familiar places,
And preserves them still the same.

As a queen of richest dower
Welcome we the royal flower,
Pale, with heart of finest gold;
When did ever bard or lover,
Naming fairest flowers over,
Leave the Lily's name untold?

Sweetest mystery of summer,
Welcome we a joyous comer
Fresh and dewy as the morn;
Crumpled mass of bloom and fragrance,
Where the bees—the happy vagrants!—
Find the Rose, but miss the thorn.

But to me the dearest flower,
Heeding not the coaxing shower
Or the pleading of the sun,
Closely folds its snowy splendor
Over its heart so true and tender
Till the glowing day is done.

Then a power divine, mysterious
Opens the sweet Night-Blooming Ceræus
To perfume the dewy night;
In its exquisite perfection
Seeming like some glad reflection
From the land of perfect light.

Comes the morning, fair but fatal
To the flower frail and grateful
For a life so brief and bright,
And the snowy leaves fold slowly,
And the perfumed head droops lowly
At the coming of the light.

Gilliam Co., Ore.

Emma B. French.

NABRY FROST'S LETTER.

Dear Mr. Park:—You seem to be a reel well meanin' man, sort of innocent and easy goin', an I have been readin' your Maggazeen, which I borred of Nancy Jane Higgy, and it seems to me as tho you are gettin' ouffily imposed onto. Now I cant bear to set by and see a nice innocent man imposed onto, so I jest that Ide say a fu words myself to open your understanding—jest put a flea into your ere so to speak. Course, you dont kno' nothin' bout me, cause I havnt never subscribed to your Maggazeen, but I've been a readin' of it a good spell, and I must say I feel plum disgusted with the way these here flower lovers as you call em do pull the wool over your eyes. Mebby sum of em is as near angels az you think the air, but the heft on em havnt got no wings a sprouten, now I tell you.

Y, sum of them most cuttin' things tha rote you about flower beggars was intended pint blank fer me, an I kno' it, but tha dont darst cum out an sine there own names, sost I can hit back, but I havnt afraid to sine my name, tho I havnt no literary woman nohow, but I can tell you how sum of these here wimmen akt, an you can jest see how onworthy tha was of the Krismus presence you sent em in the kindness of your hart, belevin' all tha rote, poor man! The flower wimmen here is thick as bees, an there aint none of em likes flowers more'n I do, an if tha wasn't meen'r all possesseed Ide have more flowers than any of em, too.

Now, thares Mrs. Kramer, you kno' her, of course, for she alwaze gets all her flowers of you, an she rites letters for your Maggazeen and never sines her own name. She ust to be as good as pl, an sh'd alwaze give me sum of her seeds an slips of her plants an bulbs an things, but lately she's gettin' reel stingy and meen. You see, I alwaze kno' when the nabors is goin' to send for there seeds, becoz the alwaze cum an ask me to send too, but I dont see no call to by sech things when

all the nabors has a plenty. If thade divide up as jenerus as tha tawk Ide have a plenty. When it iz time for the seeds to cum I jest go to the offis an get the mail fer the hole naborhood. Thare's shore to be sum pakages of seeds, an I take em rite to the wimmen an stay to dinner, an have a good visit, an if I dont get my share of them seeds it haint my fol.

It ust to be reel easy, but its gettin' kwite different now. In fact it takes a good dicel of strategy to get the seeds I must have, and I have to look sharp, I can tell you, if I get any of the nicer ones, such as I jest hanker after. Az I was goin to say, Mrs. Kramer plade a reel mean trick onto me jest lately, an I aint goin to hide her reel self from you a mite longer, Mr. Park. I knu' it was time for her seeds to cum, so I went to the offis, an shoar enuff there was a good big pakaged. Of corse, I stoped ther, an when I giv her the seeds she lookt reel embarrass, and took an laid em up onto a shelf. I setteld myself comf'able like to wait fer dinner, an then I sed "Les look at your seeds, Mrs. Kramer." She hesitated a minit an then she sed "I kant open them till after dinner, Miss Frost"; so I had to be pashten, an I waited, but I knu' she coodent get away, of corse. Jest as we was a eatin' dinner I seen her look knowin like at her husben. Thade been a tawkin lo together whilst he was a washin fer dinner. Hes wun of them mischeevus, boyish aktin men that most wimmen likes, an she twists him aroun her little finger. Up he jumps an sez quick like "Exkoos me, ladies; I hav to be in town in half an our, so I cant stay to gossip," an off he went. But as he started, he sed to him "Go to the bedroom an get a clean hamcher." He sed all rite, an went on into the front room where Ide jest been settin. In a few minutes I herd the front door slam, and Mrs. Kramer sed "There ne goze." Purty soon we got up an went into the front room, too, but Mrs. Kramer had to go rite to work to finish up sum soin she was a doin. I waited kwite a spell, an then I sez "Les see your seeds, Mrs. Kramer." "All rite," sed she, "jest get them and look at them fer yooself." So I got up an took them down, but much to my surprise them seeds had been opened. I coodent skurly believ my eyes, but tha had. I spoke up an sed "Mrs. Kramer, these seeds is open!" "Yes," sed she; "I havnt tuched sense I laid em on. You brot em. Did you nota the wuz open before?" I wuz struk dum. She was a hintin that mebby Ide opened them there seeds! But I was buzzed by that time lookin of em over. To my disppintment tha want nothin of importance—nothin but Sturshuns, Sweet Peas, Comopsis and sech like, cept garding truck, an Ide already got all the Sturshuns I wanted from Mrs. Brown (she sent for two ounces), and Sweet Peas from Miss White (she got a fourth of a pound), and the other kinds from Mary Welch when her aunt sent her a null lot of most every kind. I spoze I shode my disappintment a little fer Mrs. Kramer sed "Was you lookin fer enything pertickler Miss Frost?" I sed "Yes, I that shoor youde get some nice Dahlia or Geranium or Fushies or sum sech like. I dont see as Ime gone to get a seed of the choice kinds this spring." I went home to once, and didnt go there again for a month. Then I had a bundle of some kind of bulbs fer her from your house, I thot tha was Gladiolias, so I stoped, fer tha must of been at least two dozen, an Ime kwite wild over Gladiolias, an I cant never get no one to give me over two or three. Well, what did I see when I went up to her south door but a big box on legs, covered with glass, an regular little hot bed inside, an the very nicest little plants a growin like weeds. "Whats them?" I demanded as I handed her the bulbs with wun hand in my surprize, while I panted at the hot bed with the other. "That!" she coolly anserd; "that's my Dahlia's an Colias and Crisanthus, and so fourth." Now, Mr. Park, do you call that a nice way to treet a frend an nabor. Fer my part I was so struk I turned an went off an plum fergot to see about them Gladiolias. Guysville, Oregon.

Nabby Frost.

GOSSIP.

Cardamom.—Dear Sisters: Have any of you had experience with the Cardamom plant? I have had one for the past eight years. It grows nicely, and the leaves have the true Cardamom fragrance, but it has never bloomod, and I would like to know how to make it bloom, if it is possible.—Mrs. G., Mass.

A Rose Freak.—One day I saw a curious Rose freak. Every flower had a bud pushed out from the center, and when the Rose was at its best the bud in the center looked just ready to open. If a bud were picked with a stem about two inches long and the stem inserted in the center of a full blown Rose it would appear exactly as the Roses on that bush did.

Powhatan Co., Va., Apr. 19, 1898.

A. R. C.

A EUROPEAN TRIP.

LETTER NO. 9.

Dutch cheese as much a staple product of Holland as Dutch bulbs, and doubtless of more commercial value. In quality it surpasses even the celebrated cream cheese of Switzerland, and constitutes a very important part of the Holland diet. Among the common Holland people it takes the place of meat, which is expensive, and is used in limited amount, mostly the fat sides of pork, known in Holland as spec. But the cheese is used two or three times a day. A plate of very thin slices is placed upon the table, and after the bread is spread with butter the slices of cheese are laid upon it, and thus eaten with the bread. A common way is to make sandwiches of bread and butter and cheese, and these are greatly relished by the people.

Knowing the importance of the cheese industry in Holland, I was anxious to learn the processes of manufacture, and as we advanced across the rich green pasture land toward the long brick building with its low, thatched roof, I began to speculate what all I might find inside—cream separators, butter-workers, cheese presses, and other machinery, all of late style and operated by some economical power. We came first to a large, high, circular stack of hay, at the rear of which we entered the building by a small door. What was inside? Well, I looked in vain for the machinery, but what I did see was a room about 30x70 feet, with two long rows of stalls in the middle, arranged so that the cattle would face each other, and with room between to accommodate a stream of water and a feeding railway. Everything was scrupulously clean, and the parts were carefully whitewashed. It was indeed a model cow-shed—to me a marvel of convenience and cleanliness. I had never before seen anything like it. We passed on to the farther end of the shed, and entered a door at the side, near the big, old-fashioned pump which supplied water for the stock. And where do you suppose I found myself? Why, right in the kitchen of the dairyman, and there, seated at the table, was the man, his wife and children and hired man, all eating their bread and cheese and drinking milk and coffee. As my friend was well acquainted we were given a cordial greeting, and urged to go into the parlor or best room. So we were taken out through the cow-shed, and entered a door at the end into a carpeted room containing a bureau with sacred ornaments, cane-seated chairs, a center table and a hanging lamp.

There was no stove in the room, and but crude accommodations for putting one in, so that I enquired about how the place was kept warm in winter, and got this information: "We rarely need fire in winter. The shed is close and well protected, and the heat generated by the fifty or sixty cows kept inside during winter makes artificial heating of the living rooms unnecessary except in very severe weather, and that we have but little of in Holland." I was satisfied on that point.

We then went into the cellar, where the milk is converted into cheese. Here I learned these facts: The pure fresh milk is slightly salted, then the curd is obtained, and usually twenty-five pounds placed in each cheese. As soon as the cheese is moulded or pressed it is placed for six days in strong salt water—water so thoroughly charged with salt that an egg placed in it will show a portion of its surface as large as a silver half dollar above the water. The cheese is then placed in a cool, dry place for five weeks or more, or until a white scurf appears upon the rind, when it is ready for use, the scurf being first removed by rubbing with an oiled cloth. In form most of the specimens were circular, a foot in di-

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ameter, and about five inches thick, but some were made in the form of a ball, and others like a pineapple.

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Leaving the dairy we returned to the poplar-shaded home of my friend, and after dinner visited the various Boskoop nurseries, of which I shall speak in my next letter. Geo. W. Park.

Sassenheim, Holland, Aug. 29, 1897.

Mr. Park:—I enclose \$2.00 for eight subscriptions to Park's Floral Magazine. I could get more names if I could see more of my floral friends. It doesn't take much urging to persuade those who have taken the Magazine to renew, especially with such generous offers as you make to subscribers.

Mrs. Mary A. Robinson.

Orango Co., Vt., Mar. 17, 1898.

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GEO. W. PARK, Libonia, Franklin County, Pa.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—I have just three windows; one east, one north and a west one in my sitting room, with an east one in the kitchen, but this is too warm for most plants. My sitting room is heated by gas from the cookstove. I have seven Geraniums in bloom and four more in bud. One was given me for an Apple blossom Geranium, and I think it one of the loveliest things I ever saw—white finished and streaked with pink in the center. Souv. de Mirande is all that is claimed for it. Five Begonias in full bloom add to the lovely picture. Four Ivy Geraniums are in bud. A little Pansy Geranium not much longer than my finger has two large clusters of buds. A basket of Saxifraga serpentina hangs in the north window, with little thread-like vines hanging two feet down, every one of them tipped with a little plant. A peculiar thing about this plant is every one of these little runners grows from the light and hangs back next to the lace curtain. In the west window hangs a basket of Tradescantia variegata, which is lovely.

Carmen Erle.

Mercer Co., Ohio.

Mr. Park:—I have been a subscriber to your FLORAL Magazine now for sometime, and think it a great help to the amateur in the culture of flowers. I have tried raising house plants for several years, but did not make a study of their needs until about a year ago, and since I have been more successful. I now know the cause of my Rose, Coleus, Geranium and Begonias, dropping their leaves and dying. I use as a potting soil, clean sand, well enriched garden soil, and finely chopped sod to make it fibrous. Primula obconica, a tiny plant last September is a fine thrifty plant and loaded with its lovely lavender bloom, and its flowers last for several weeks before they fade. Othonna, called Pickle Plant by some, has been in bloom for several weeks, and is a very cheerful basket plant for a sunny window. Two Freesia bulbs, one white with orange throat and one yellow, were potted in common garden soil in October, then placed in a north window until tiny leaves appeared, then carried to a south window, and given a thorough watering when the soil looked dry, and began blooming the 15th of January and are still in bloom. Each bulb gave four bunches of lovely, fragrant bloom, of not less than five blossoms to each bunch. One bunch had nine flowers. This is my first trial of these lovely flowers, and hereafter I shall have Freesias if I can.

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Arabis alpina, fine edging.

Aster, perennial, blue.

Asclepias tuberosa.

Incarnata, red-flowered.

Aubrieta Eryrii.

Begonia Angel's Wing.

Bruanti.

Bertha Chateaurocher.

Carrieri.

Compta.

Begonia Foliosa.

Fuchsoides coccinea.

Margarita.

Multiflora hybrida.

M. de Lesseps.

Pres. Carnot.

Queen of Bedders.

Robusta.

Sanderponii.

Semperflorens rosea.

Thurstonii.

Vernon.

Weltoniensis, white.

Weltoniensis, red.

Weltoniensis, cut-leaved.

Begonia, Tuberous.

Giant Red.

" Rose.

" Yellow.

" Scarlet.

Bergamot, scarlet Monarda.

White-flowered.

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White.

Carnation, Daybreak, pink.

Early Vienna fl. pl.

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Lizzie McGowan, white.

Marguerite, white.

Marguerite, mixed.

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Mrs. J. C. Swan.

Alleghany Co., Pa., May 7, 1898.

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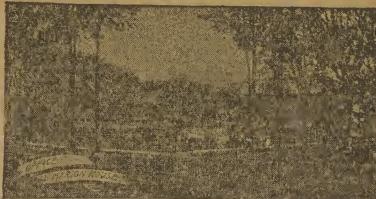
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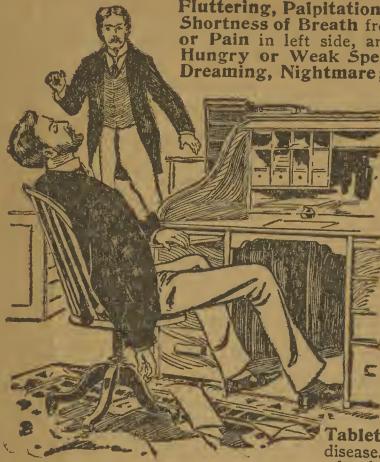
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